

**Town of Shrewsbury - Board of Selectmen
Richard D. Carney Municipal Office Building-Selectmen's Meeting Room
100 Maple Avenue
Monday, May 14, 2007 at 7:00 PM**

Minutes

Present:

Bruce Card, Maurice DePalo, John Lebeaux, James McCaffrey, Moira Miller, and Daniel Morgado, Town Manager. Mr. Lebeaux called the meeting to order at 7:04pm.

Preliminaries:

1. Approve bills, payrolls and warrants, #0789 in the amount of \$1,724,683.21, and #0792 in the amount of \$4,378,579.80. Motion made, seconded and unanimously approved.
2. Approve minutes April 23, 2007, & May 7, 2007. Motion made, seconded and unanimously approved.
3. Announcements – Mr. Lebeaux reminded everyone that Kids Equipment Day will take place at the Municipal Garage, 211 South Street, this Saturday, from 9:00am to 1:00pm, rain or shine. The event is sponsored by the staff from Parks, Highway and the Water & Sewer Departments. T-shirts will be available for sale.
4. Town Manager's Report – Nothing other than what is on the Agenda.

Meetings:

Public Hearings:

Old Business:

5. Corridor Nine Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Membership Renewal Invoice. Mr. Lebeaux reviewed the discussion at the last meeting regarding the renewal of the Corridor Nine membership. After further discussion, with all members agreeing that the membership is a good thing, it was decided not to renew for the coming year due to the current budgetary situation. Membership can always be renewed should finances change.

New Business:

6. Warrant and Budget Review. Mr. Morgado reviewed the current status of receipts, motor vehicle excise tax, water revenue, and investment income and their impact on the budget. He advised the motor vehicle excise receipts were running \$490,000 below last year and the next revenue estimate from the state will be issued later this week. We will have a better idea of what the situation is after receiving those figures. Water receipts are also running behind last year's due to last summer being wet so usage was down. However investment income is running ahead of last year. He advised that if the revenue picture does not improve the Board should be prepared to cut \$200,000-\$300,000 out of the budget. Mr. Morgado outlined several budget items that the Board could consider if cuts become necessary. Mr. Morgado also noted changes to the warrant articles. Articles 1, 2, 3 & 4 - no changes. Article 5 - change to \$1,277.87 from \$829.37. Article 6 – increase to \$129,026.00 from \$119,226.00. Article 7 – change to \$1,870,974 from \$1,880,774. Articles 8 & 9 – related to the override question being passed, as it was not Mr. Morgado recommend that the Board ask that these articles be defeated. Article 16 – 43D designation for the Allen property. This must be filed immediately after Town Meeting in order to be pursued under the old program. May be necessary to move to the first night of Town Meeting for action. Articles 26 & 27 – typographical errors, should read 2008 instead of 2007. The Board reviewed the warrant. Article 1 – defer to Town Meeting. Articles 2-5 – move to recommend. Article 6 – move to recommend as amended. Article 7 – may need changes Thursday evening depending on motor vehicle tax receipts. Mr. Lebeaux announced that the Board had become aware of talk of diverting funds in this budget to other areas, i.e. taking funds from the COA, lights for Dean Park, etc. and adding them to other departments. He wished to go on record that the Board

would be opposed to changing anything in the COA budget and would be against changing anything on the floor of Town Meeting in regard to this budget. Board members agreed unanimously with Mr. Lebeaux's statement. Board voted to recommend, with the exception of items 411- Engineering and 171 Conservation Commission, Article 7 subject to amendment depending on receipt of revenues. Mr. Lebeaux recused himself to avoid the appearance of conflict of interest and the Board voted four in favor with one abstention to recommend items 411 and 171. Articles 8 & 9 – recommend defeat. Article 10 – move to approve pending events that may cause a change. Article 11 – move to recommend. Article 12 – recommend defeat. Articles 13-25 – move to recommend. Articles 26 & 17 – move to recommend as amended. Articles 28-32 – move to recommend.

7. Vote on WBDC land on Centech Blvd. Mr. Lebeaux advised that Town Counsel Philip Leader is requesting a vote by the Board on the land swap on Centech Blvd. Motion was made to convey to the Worcester Business Development Corporation a certain parcel of land on Centech Boulevard, Shrewsbury, Massachusetts described in Worcester County Registry of Deeds in Book 2143 Page 482, Book 2211 Page 228 and Book 4791 Page 271 and further described on a plan of land in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 835, Plan 51, in consideration of the conveyance to the Town of Shrewsbury by the Worcester Business Development Corporation of a certain parcel of land in Shrewsbury, Massachusetts described in Worcester District Registry of Deeds Book 32478, Page 383, described as Lot 9-1 on a plan recorded at the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 803, Plan 104, as authorized by the General Court in Chapters 274 of the Acts of 2006. Motion was seconded and unanimously voted. Vote will be forwarded to the Town Clerk for certification and returned to Town Counsel.

Mr. Lebeaux advised that the budget in the warrant covers all town employees with the exception of the Town manager. Traditionally the Board recommends that the Manager receive the same wage increase as other town employees. Motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to recommend that the Town Manager's salary be increased by 2% for FY 2008. Motion was seconded and unanimously voted.

Executive Session:

8. Collective bargaining, pending litigation and value of real property. Motion was made, seconded, and unanimously voted to adjourn into executive session at 8:26pm and not to reconvene for the purpose of discussion of collective bargaining and value of real property. The Board was polled, Ms. Miller, yes, Mr. Card, yes, Mr. McCaffrey, yes, Mr. DePalo, yes, and Mr. Lebeaux, yes.

Communications:

9. Noted copy mailed: ZBA Hearing Minutes, 4/24/07, Guy & Desiree Hafford, 231 Gulf Street.
10. Noted copy mailed: ZBA Hearing Minutes, 3/27/07, Shayan Paemon, LLC, 425-429 Boston Turnpike.
11. Noted copy mailed: Letter from Mr. Morgado to Natale & Mary Santora, 201 Maple Avenue, re dedication of Moquin Square. The dedication ceremony will take place on Sunday May 27th at 12:00 noon at the corner of Maple Avenue & Oak Street where a marker will be placed. Pfc. Moquin was killed in action in Afghanistan.
12. Noted copy mailed: Shrewsbury Youth Football & Cheerleading Assoc. Newsletter.
13. Noted copy mailed: Letter from Mr. Hale to Rep. Polito re projects for consideration in FY 2008 capital project bond bill. There are three projects the first is for \$475,000 and would allow the Town to complete the parking and drainage plan for the Lake Street recreation area. The second is for \$100,000 and would cover the cost of the resurfacing the Dean Park parking lots. It has been over 20 years since this has been done. The last project is a safety concern regarding the Old Mill Pond and Newton Pond Dams.
14. Noted copy mailed: School Committee Meeting Agenda, 5/9/07.
15. Noted copy mailed: Mr. Morgado's response to Maura Scott re Voting.
16. Noted copy mailed: Street Sweeping Report, 5/7/07. The street sweeping is running approximately one month behind last year due to the late spring weather conditions.
17. Noted copy mailed: E-mail from Tom McGlynn, 208 So. Quinsigamond Ave., re school registration site. Mr. McGlynn's concerns have been addressed. He thanked the Board for their quick action.

18. Noted copy mailed: Mass. Dept. of Revenue, Bulletin 2007-06B – New Officials Finance Forum. Ms. Miller will attend.
19. Noted copy mailed: Letter from Verizon re cable franchise legislation. Verizon is accusing Comcast of monopolizing cable services in Mass. Shrewsbury is against Verizon trying to come in here.
20. Noted copy mailed: Westborough Treatment Plant Board Meeting Minutes, 4/11/07.

Mr. Lebeaux called a brief recess at 7:14pm. The Board reconvened at 7:20pm.

Motion was made, seconded, and unanimously voted to adjourn into executive session at 8:26pm and not to reconvene for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining, and value of real property. On a roll call vote Ms. Miller, yes, Mr. Card, yes, Mr. McCaffrey, yes, Mr. DePalo, yes, and Mr. Lebeaux, yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice C. McCoy
Secretary